

TREE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

MISSION:

The Tree Committee assists the Village Board of Managers in tree-related matters and helps implement and promote the policies underlying Chapter 17 of the Village Code, entitled Urban Forest. The Tree Committee endeavors to make sure the Village tree canopy is maintained and enhanced both on Village rights of way, parks and buffer areas, and on private property. The Tree Committee promotes the use of trees native to the Eastern forest, taking into account competing Village objectives and needs. While it does so, it also recognizes that cultivars of native trees and non-native trees in appropriate circumstances may be appropriate to meet particular Village objectives.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The Tree Committee reviews the annual Village budget as it relates to tree-related matters and makes recommendations to the Board of Managers with respect to the adequacy of the budget. The Committee also is developing a long range plan for Village tree-planting needs and advises the Board of anticipated longer term financial expenditures to facilitate Board budget planning over the longer term.

The Tree Committee, working with the Village arborist, is developing an inventory of trees on Village rights of way (including their species, size, location, and condition) so as to facilitate the development of a comprehensive plan to maintain and augment the Village tree canopy on public property and to

develop longer term tree replacement and new tree planting plans.

The Tree Committee develops, with input from the Parks and Greenspace Committee, and then publishes for comment annual (currently semi-annual) tree planting lists to replenish those trees which have been removed from the Village rights of way, buffer areas and parks; it also works with the Village staff and arborist to purchase, plant, and maintain replacement trees (as well as trees in new locations).

Tree Committee members are informed of tree removal issues coming before the Tree Ordinance Board ("TOB") and are invited to provide comments to the TOB with respect to the removal of specific trees on private property that are subject to the procedures of Chapter 17 of the Village Code.

The Tree Committee also seeks to preserve and enhance the tree canopy on private property within the Village and, if appropriate, will make recommendations to the Village Board of Managers as to measures to promote this canopy.

The Tree Committee also engages from time to time in specific projects that are tree-related. It also coordinates with other Village Committees as appropriate.